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BRAINERD, MINN., THURSDAY JANUARY 1, 1903.

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FEES IMPOSED UPON.

Minneapolis Millers Maintain Flour Rates East Ave Too High.

Minneapolis, Jan. 1.—The millers of Minneapolis, who will from now on be required to pay 2½ cents extra on every 100 pounds of flour to New York, are naturally feeling imposed upon, and it is hinted that quiet efforts will be made to break the rate.

The millers believe that the exaction of 2½ cents is unreasonable from a commercial standpoint, and conceive that they will be justified in getting certain roads to cut their rate in consideration of giving favors in the routing of consignments. The rate of 27½ cents on domestic shipments to New York and 25 cents on export, is the largest ever levied.

The roads carrying the flour from Minneapolis to Chicago having agreed to bear the loss till Jan. 1, no serious complaint has yet come from the millers, but they will now be required to meet the advance. The Western roads also feel aggrieved at the exaction to which they were obliged to submit to accommodate the millers, and it is said in railroad circles that an effort will be made to present a claim for the amount lost.

GIFT TO FARGO COLLEGE.

Dr. Pearson of Chicago Endows It With \$50,000.

Fargo, N. D., Jan. 1.—The trustees of Fargo college received a gift of \$50,000 during the day from Dr. Pearson of Chicago for an endowment fund, according to conditions made some years ago, which have been complied with.

DANGER IN RAW SALADS.

"It has generally been conceded," says the Sanitary Inspector, "that there is quite an element of danger in the consumption of raw salad plants which have been grown upon soil that is possibly infected with disease germs which may be present as the result of the application of stable manure to the soil. All such salad plants should be carefully washed with an abundance of water. A writer in *Policlinico*, an Italian journal, concludes as the result of his experiments that such salad plants may be effectively sterilized, so far as disease germs are concerned, by immersing them a half an hour in a 3 per cent solution of tartaric acid."

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MURDERED AND EATEN.

Entire Belgian Garrison Killed on the Frontier of Uganda.

Brussels, Jan. 1.—The Congo administration has received news that Lieutenant De Magnis and his party, who were in charge of Port Boni, on the frontier of Uganda, were attacked by a cannibal tribe June 14 last and that the entire party was murdered and then eaten.

FOR FAST STEAMSHIP SERVICE.

Manchester, Eng., Jan. 1.—It is rumored that J. P. Morgan is negotiating for the establishment of a fast steamship service between Manchester and the far East.

SHOWS SCANT MERCY

CASTRO'S MANDATE IS THE ONLY LAW NOW IN FORCE IN VENEZUELA.

COUNTRY REEKS WITH DEAD

Jails Full of the President's Political Opponents and Executions Are Taking Place Everywhere—Conditions Throughout the Land Lamentable. Allied Powers Will Seize the Customs on Jan. 9.

Caracas, Jan. 1.—President Castro, who put off his return to the capital on one pretext after another, arrived here Tuesday to confer with Mr. Bowen, United States minister. The people, with whom he is exceedingly unpopular on account of his merciless rule, received him with scant demonstration. On the other hand, the soldiers gave him an enthusiastic welcome. Salutes were fired and bands played. The president drove through the city in an open carriage, unguarded, and accompanied by General Miraflores.

Throughout Venezuela conditions are lamentable. Castro's mandate is the only law, and he shows scant mercy. He has filled the jails with his political opponents. Executions take place everywhere. The soldiery is able in this way to gratify personal spite or disappointment. Within sixteen miles of the capital eighty-five corpses can be counted today. These unfortunate persons were either hanged or shot. The country elsewhere reeks with the dead.

It is possible to state on excellent British and German official authority that the Venezuelan customs will not be seized before Jan. 9, in order to allow time for the arrival of more warships. Even then, it is not quite certain that the powers will determine to take this step, although it is likely they will do so unless Castro yields.

EVERY DEBT MUST BE PAID.

Venezuelan Rebel Leader Gives His Views on Present Crisis.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Jan. 1.—General Matos, the head of the revolutionary movement against President Castro, referring to Venezuela's difficulties with allied powers, said:

"The pending question has two objects. One is the recovery of certain sums of money owed by Venezuela, and the other is that of claims for injuries received by foreigners resident in the republic. I see no exceeding gravity in either of these two matters, because every legitimate debt must be paid and because the laws of the republic and its treaties with foreign nations and in special cases international law determine in every instance the proceedings under the circumstances to be followed by civilized nations who desire to uphold their honor."

NOT THREATENING MARACAIBO.

German Cruiser Has No Intention of Shelling the Town.

Caracas, Jan. 1.—The report that the German cruiser Falke is threatening to bombard Maracaibo is untrue. In the first place the cruiser cannot enter the lake of Maracaibo and as Maracaibo is ten miles from the bar it would be impossible for the Falke to bombard it. In the second place it is asserted in Maracaibo that the post master there has not withheld the mail of the German merchants. Maracaibo is quiet.

The blockade is working injury to commerce, and especially to American interests.

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SWELLS THE FAMINE FUND.

Indian Maharajah Gives \$50,000 in Commemoration of the Durbar.

Delhi, India, Jan. 1.—The Maharajah of Jaipur has given a lakh of rupees (about \$50,000) to the Indian people's famine fund in commemoration of the durbar.

The bestowal of the Kaiser-i-Hind on the viceroy is very popular and is regarded as a fitting reward for her splendid exertions in behalf of the women of India.

SEVERELY WOUNDS HIS WIFE.

Ohio Farmer Then Blows Out His Own Brains.

Chillicothe, O., Jan. 1.—Joseph Marr, a farmer, during the evening shot and severely wounded his wife and then blew out his own brains.

HEAVY SUITS FOR DAMAGES.

Twenty-two Men Alleged They Were Decoyed to the Coal Fields.

New York, Jan. 1.—Suits have been brought by twenty-two residents of this city, who claim that during the recent coal strike they were decoyed to the mines in Pennsylvania by agents of the Erie railroad and of the Pennsylvania Coal company. Damages for \$50,000 each, amounting to \$1,100,000 in all, are sued for and the attorney for the plaintiffs consulted with an assistant district attorney during the day about bringing the matter before the grand jury to be sworn in next Monday. The plaintiffs claim that under pretense of doing work for the railroad and coal company they were decoyed to Hoboken, where they were locked in a car and carried, against their will, to the coal regions in Pennsylvania and compelled to act as "strike breakers" under threats of "being turned over to the fury of the miners." The men say they finally succeeded in making their way back to the city, but declare that on their way home they had narrow escapes from being mobbed.

CIVIL COURTS TO DECIDE.

Disposition of the Catholic Dispute in the Philippines.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Secretary Root practically has thrown into the hands of the civil courts in the Philippines for decision, the controversy between the two elements in the Catholic church in the islands, which has developed into a schism. The schismatics, under the leadership of a priest known by the name of Aglipay, have retained possession of a large amount of church property, which is claimed by the Catholic church, and the latter appealed to Governor Taft to dispossess the schismatics. The governor held that the schism was one for the adjustment of the civil courts, and the case came to Washington on appeal. Secretary Root has sustained Governor Taft's view.

The importance of the matter to the United States government lies in the fact that the property in controversy is part of that to which title must be passed to the United States if the negotiations now in progress between Governor Taft and Mgr. Guido succeed.

CHINESE INDEMNITY FUND.

State Department Will Accept Payment on a Silver Basis.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The state department has been officially advised through its fiscal agents in China that the second installment of the Chinese indemnity fund which now falls due, must be paid in silver, or, rather, on a silver basis. This result has been anticipated and the department more than a month ago was advised unofficially of what would happen. The first installment of the indemnity, which was due July 1 last, was likewise paid on a silver basis, the nations receiving the money reserving the right to reclaim the difference between the silver and gold basis. Therefore the department will now have placed to its credit \$496,098, for it has without hesitation decided to accept the payment on the basis proposed.

HOAR'S ANTI-TRUST BILL.

Massachusetts Senator Carefully Preparing a Measure.

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RESULT OF AN INJUNCTION.

Waterworks Company Secures a Restraining Order Preventing the City Treasurer From Spending Any Money for Any Purpose Whatever, and the City Fathers Decide Not to Collect Any.

Helena, Mont., Jan. 1.—Because of an injunction secured by the Helena Waterworks company, restraining the city treasurer from spending any money for any purpose whatever, the city council has passed a resolution allowing taxpayers sixty days grace in the payment of taxes.

As there is not the remotest probability of the litigation between the city and the waterworks company being settled within a year, the council may postpone tax collections for an indefinite period.

With the securing of the injunction, the bondsmen of the city treasurer withdrew, and he was obliged to resign, but the council re-elected him the same evening. Whatever money the treasurer collects he turns over to a committee of the council, which in turn deposits it in the banks, which are by the injunction restrained from paying it out on checks.

The council has decided, therefore, as long as the city cannot spend the money, it is useless to collect it from the taxpayers, only to be hoarded in the banks.

TEACHERS OF MINNESOTA.

State Educational Association in Session in St. Paul.

St. Paul, Jan. 1.—As ex-Governor Lind's address was the feature of the afternoon's session of the Minnesota Educational association, so President Race's address on "Some Pressing School Problems" was the feature of the opening general session in the morning. There were perhaps 500 men and women in the auditorium of the Central Presbyterian church when President Race called the opening session together.

Congressman-elect Lind spoke in the auditorium of the Central Presbyterian church, before an audience that filled the lower part of the church. His subject was "America's Gibraltar," the speaker taking the standpoint that while the public schools of America are her bulwark, they are a bulwark that might be materially strengthened.

While President Race's and Mr. Lind's addresses stood out in the day's programme with special distinctness, because they sharply attacked existing faults, the addresses delivered at the morning general session and in the afternoon before the associated school boards' section, commanded the interested attention of the educators present, for they treated practical problems in a practical fashion.

DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

American Minister to Denmark Acquires That Distinction.

Washington, Jan. 1.—The department of state has been informed that recent changes in the diplomatic corps at Copenhagen have resulted in elevating United States Minister Swenson to a position of dean of that body. It is understood that this is the first time an American minister has received that distinction at the Danish court.

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A RETROSPECTIVE VIEW OF PAST YEAR

Some of the Events of Interest
That Happened During the
Past Year

BRAINERD HAS BEEN LIVELY

Although Nothing Occurred of National Import---Nothing Unusual

It might be interesting, this being New Year's day to note in a brief review the events of importance during the past year in the city of Brainerd. There have been no startling or particularly soul stirring events, but there have been enough to relieve the city from any sluggish repose, and residents generally have been busy.

Just about a year ago now, Col. Halsted and others were busying themselves preparing for the big minstrel performance to be given at Brainerd opera house on January 14. The event was one of interest, and was one of the most successful ever attempted in the city, the Elks under whose auspices it was given, netting a neat sum therefrom.

On January 7 the work of putting in a new turbine wheel at the dam was completed, and Brainerd emerged from a season of darkness, and Alderman Rowley, who had charge of the work, was the hero of the hour.

On January 8 the Brainerd Marine band was organized, Frank Scora as president and director. The organization has since developed into a first class organization, although there is a change in the management.

The first through train service on the M. & I., between Brainerd and Blackduck was announced early in January.

Judge S. F. Alderman tendered his resignation as county attorney and at the first meeting in January Judge Fleming was elected to succeed him.

There was a meeting of the board of education on January 6, the like of

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which has never been duplicated in Brainerd. There was a big delegation at the Washington school building in the interest of Miss Somers, who had been released by former Supt. Torrens and there were some fierce wordy battles.

Death claimed Mrs. A. J. Halsted on January 11 and removed one of the most worthy ladies of the city.

J. M. Elder made a cracker jack of real estate purchase about the middle of January, buying 4000 acres of the Wesley Case estate, paying \$16,000 spot cash.

The remains of Augus Brown were brought to the city from the east on Saturday, January 25, for burial.

On February 5, C. A. Clement brought a \$500 damage suit against Sheriff Erickson and Judge Sanborn. The suit has since been tried and he got verdict of \$250 against the sheriff and now Mr. Sanborn is judge of probate.

On February 4 Judge McClenahan convened the regular term of the district court, and J. W. Koop was appointed foreman of the grand jury.

Early in February J. A. Anderson's store was burned out in South-east Brainerd.

On February 11 a jury gave Peter Setterstrom a verdict of \$1600 against the M. & I. and he has not seen a cent of it yet.

February 15 saw the work on the new Elk hall completed and all the new furniture installed.

At a special meeting of the board of education on February 15 Supt. Torrens got his walking papers and Brainerd people breathed easier.

The new bridge at the dam was completed about March 10.

Claude Lease got \$1,000 from the Northern Pacific in settlement for injuries received in the yards.

T. C. Blewitt is appointed municipal judge to succeed Judge Mantor, resigned. Judge Alderman and Judge Mantor form a law partnership.

About the first of March J. W. Koop buys up interests of late S. Koop in grocery business.

Sunday, March 2, the people Brainerd were startled by the sudden death of James Dewar, at Staples, while en route to the Hot Springs for his health.

At a meeting of the board of education on March 3 Supt. Hartley was elected to succeed Supt. Torrens.

April 1 M. A. Spooner decided to move to Bemidji to practice law.

April 3 Mrs. Katie Sargent, wife of Chief Sargent, died rather suddenly.

Early in April the great base ball association was founded and it was right here that some "bright" individuals fell in the well.

April 15 Brainerd Lodge, B. P. O. E., went to Little Falls to assist in the institution of a lodge of Elks.

On or about the middle of April Brainerd was in an upheaval over the big machinists strike, some 200 men having walked out.

May 8 the government decided to move Indians from Mille Lacs to White Earth.

The beautiful new St. Josephs hospital marks one of the achievements of the past year. The corner stone was laid on Sunday, May 10, with appropriate and elaborate ceremonies.

Early in May Mayor Halsted orders houses of ill fame moved to point.

Tuesday night, May 13, the largest rain of the summer fell, there being a perfect deluge.

May 18, the council in session, decided to pave Front street.

Wednesday May 21, Miss Midge Hagadorn and A. T. Fisher were married.

Lawrence Villiers made his escape from the county jail May 21, and he is going yet.

The last of May Judd Wright became superintendent of the Minnesota Water Works, succeeding J. R. Smith.

The week of May 25 there was a meeting of the Duluth Presbytery, of the Presbyterian church, in this city.

May 28 the grocers of the city met and organized, and Con O'Brien was elected president.

At the first meeting of the county commissioners in June, Pequot petitioned the board to be granted permission to incorporate.

June 4 the litigation commenced over the frame building belonging to J. F. McGinnis on Seventh street.

On Decoration day the first game of base ball was played at the new Brainerd Athletic park—but Brainerd lost.

G. S. McCullough receives word that he was elected Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, L. O. O. F.

P. K. Johnson left for Mankato early in June to attend the fiftieth anniversary celebration of the founding of that city.

The June settlement for Crow Wing reaches \$60,738.70.

Firemen netted a good sum from the excursion to Bemidji, June 29.

July 2 there was a meeting of the Crow Wing county Agricultural Association and J. M. Elder was elected president. They decided to have a fair but before the season was over had another guess coming.

Thursday, July 3, Rev. D. W. Lynch was remembered by his friends the event being his fifteenth anniversary in the priesthood. He was presented with an elegant suit of clothes.

Early in July the Cass Lake bank is merged into a First National.

July 10 the clerks' committee secured all the signatures of the merchants to an agreement to close early during the summer.

Trades and Labor have a big celebration at Gilbert lake, July 4.

J. C. Congdon and James Cullen are elected new members of the board of education. The latter declined to serve.

The summer school in Brainerd opened July 16.

August 2 a burglar makes a rich haul at Master Mechanic Bean's home.

M. K. Swartz calls a meeting for the purpose of reorganizing the Crow Wing County Agricultural Association and later the reorganization was perfected with Mr. Swartz as president.

In September the Trades and Labor Assembly had the largest celebration in its history.

The death of Lyman P. White occurred August 30.

August 31 Mike Remmels saloon was burglarized.

W. H. Strachan succeeds Supt. Ball of the M. & I.

Early in September work commenced on the big pulp and paper mill near the dam.

The primary election of Tuesday, Sept 16 was one of the events of the year.

At a meeting of the library association it was decided to make the library a city institution.

Edward H. White died Sunday, Sept. 14.

D. Mahoney sells out to W. J. Weddell in September.

E. J. Donahue and Miss Mary E. Burns married on September 24.

The Crow Wing county fair opened Sept. 24.

Sept. 30 Chief Nelson tendered his resignation.

Oct. 3 Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Martin celebrate golden wedding.

Sept. 28, Rev. M. L. Hutton resigned as pastor of the First Congregational church.

Master Mechanic Sanborn, of the M. & I. resigned and left for the south Oct. 18.

The new freight depot is completed at a cost of about \$20,000.

Oct. 4, the first foot ball game of the season was played in the city.

Oct. 24 Otto Wilson attempted to commit suicide.

Republican city convention held at court house Oct. 23.

Street railway project talked up by M. K. Swartz.

Brainerd Lumber Co. mills shut down Friday, Oct. 24.

The biggest event in November perhaps was election day, November 4.

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November 7 the painful accident, when J. C. Congdon and Chas. Goff were killed in the N. P. wreck, was chronicled.

A change in the regime at the shops occurred, relieving Master Mechanic Bean of considerable work and making him superintendent of the shops.

Farmers in the vicinity of Brainerd meet and form a trust in the rock business.

November 18 Brainerd's new council met and the mayor sent in his appointments which were confirmed.

Nov. 14 the board of education met and organized, electing J. C. Congdon president.

The city was wrapped in a shroud of mourning over the death of F. B. Johnson, November 16.

December 8 President Crust appointed standing committee of the city council for ensuing year.

Two damage suits instituted against city of Brainerd, Lottie Geiser and O. Huffman being the complainants.

Move inaugurated to petition legislature for extra judge to assist Judge McClenahan.

December 19, J. A. Rupert killed at N. P. shops.

Mrs. John Hurley died Christmas morning.

DEERWOOD.

The Croonon club is talking of having a party in the near future.

Coffin & Wasserzieher have put in wood saw in connection with their feed mill.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Adams and daughter Ruth have gone on a trip to Wisconsin to visit friends.

The Christmas tree at the M. E. church was a success. Santa Claus was there and distributed presents to the deserving ones.

It has been intimated that the N. P. company was going to put down a gas well, but we do not see the need so long as Joe is looking after their interests here.

Mr. Taylor's family are all well again after scarlet fever and they are having the house fumigated and are burning up everything that could be contagious to keep.

Funeral services of Manda Torgersen were held on Wednesday at the Swedish Lutheran church and a large number of friends attended. The parents have the sympathy of their many friends.

Mrs. Ole Olson Skaun, who died on Tuesday morning, will be interred on Friday. Funeral services will be held at the Swedish Lutheran church at 1 o'clock. Mrs. Skaun has lived at Hamlet Lake for a number of years and has a large circle of friends who will mourn her loss.

The N. P. is having a well put down to supply water for the tank. There has been complaint made to the company that the amount of water taken from Reno lake for the tank was helping to dry up the lake, and we are pleased to see the well being put down.

Those present at the splendid Christmas dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hage were: Mr. and Mrs. James T. Leckliter, Mr. and Mrs. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Mason and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Rathvon.

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INVESTIGATION STOPS

ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL INQUIRIES INTO THE COAL TRADE OF CHICAGO.

HALT IS ONLY TEMPORARY

Affairs at the Mines Will Be Looked Into to See Whether There Should Be Any Legal Action by the State Against the Coal Dealers, Operators or Railroads—No Evidence of Conspiracy Yet.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Attorney General Hamlin's investigation of the coal trade ended in Chicago during the evening temporarily, without announcement of definite results. The attorney general took a late train for Springfield, where he will make an official inquiry Friday and Saturday into affairs at the mines, with a view to ascertaining whether there should be legal action by the state against the coal dealers and operators or the railroads.

Nearly thirty representative coal dealers and railroad officials were examined during the day.

The inquiry has not as yet brought out evidence of a conspiracy between dealers, or on the part of the railroads, or of both, although some of the former have been shown to have on hand thousands of tons of coal. They, however, claim that it is for contracts already made and not their own.

Attorney General Hamlin says that if it can be shown the coal is really not held for contracts, the dealers can be prosecuted for withholding it from the market. Several railroad men declared their roads were giving coal preference over dead freight, and produced figures to show that it was disposed of as fast as received.

SUES STATE OF MICHIGAN.

Railroad Asks Heavy Damages for Repeal of Its Special Charter.

Saginaw, Mich., Jan. 1.—Deputy Sheriff L. A. Hovey of Wayne county during the evening served summons on Governor Bliss in the case of the Michigan Central Railroad vs. The State of Michigan. The suit is for \$6,000,000 damages alleged to have been sustained in one year by reason of the repeal of the railroad's special charter.

Under this charter the road was permitted to charge 3 cents a mile passenger fare instead of 2 cents, as the general law provides, and was allowed to pay a specific tax on gross earnings in lieu of all other taxes, the railroad's taxes being about doubled since the repeal of the charter.

RECOMMENDS CITY OWNERSHIP

Brooklyn Grand Jury Says Conditions Are Intolerable.

New York, Jan. 1.—The Kings County grand jury made a presentation during the day on traction facilities in Brooklyn, recommending that steps be taken to annul the charters of the constituent companies of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company and that the city acquire and operate the surface and elevated lines. The presentment declares that the present conditions are intolerable and says the officials of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company had admitted they could cure the evils but were unwilling to do so. The jury expresses the opinion that the roads could be operated at a profit on a 3-cent fare basis.

AFTER A SENSATIONAL TRIAL

Former Michigan State Senator Acquitted of Attempted Bribery.

Grand Haven, Mich., Jan. 1.—Former State Senator George E. Nichols of Ionia was during the evening acquitted by a jury in the circuit court after a six weeks sensational trial of the charge of attempting to bribe a witness in the criminal trials following the discovery of a scheme to mulct the city of Grand Rapids through a water supply deal and which resulted in sending City Attorney Lant K. Salisbury and another prominent Grand Rapids attorney, Stilson V. McLeod, to prison. The case was brought into Ottawa county from Grand Rapids on a change of venue.

ASK INCREASE OF PAY.

Houston (Tex.) Firemen Form Union and Strike.

Houston, Tex., Jan. 1.—The firemen of the city during the day informed the mayor that they would cease work in the evening for the present wages, but would stay on duty for forty-eight hours free of cost. The firemen recently organized a labor union and made a demand for an increase in wages. The strike was precipitated by a report that the committee having the matter in charge would recommend only a partial increase. Seventy-three men are affected, the officers being included. A special session of the council will be held to consider the matter.

REFUSES TO PAY IN GOLD.

China Wants to Pay Indemnity to Powers on a Silver Basis.

Peking, Jan. 1.—The ministers here of the foreign powers have telegraphed their governments the refusal of China to pay the international indemnity in gold notes and have discussed the matter among themselves. It is proposed to inform the Chinese government that failure to fulfill the obligations provided in the protocol will entail grave consequences.

HANDSOME NEW YEAR'S GIFT.

Andrew Carnegie Presents \$250,000 for Library at New Orleans.

New Orleans, Jan. 1.—Andrew Carnegie has given New Orleans \$250,000 for a New Year's gift. The money is to be devoted to a main library building and three branches.

RAISED MORE THAN \$20,000,000.

What Methodists of the Country Have Done in Four Years.

Springfield, Mass., Jan. 1.—In Trinity church during the evening Dr. E. M. Mills, secretary of the Twentieth Century Thank Offering commission, made the announcement that the Methodists of the country had raised more than \$20,000,000 in response to the movement begun in Trinity church by the board of bishops four years ago. Dr. Mills said that \$9,000,000 had been raised on church debts throughout the country; \$8,150,000 for Methodist colleges and schools, and \$2,750,000 for charities; \$600,000 had been raised for the permanent fund for the conference claimants, and a little over \$350,000 to build churches in destitute communities.

EXCLUDED FROM AUSTRIA.

Brother of the Crown Princess of Saxony Banished.

Montreux, Switzerland, Jan. 1.—Archduke Leopold Ferdinand, brother of the Crown Princess of Saxony, in an interview during the day, confirmed the report that Emperor Francis Joseph had written to inform him that he had been expelled from the army, deprived of his pension, excluded from Austria and ordered to become a subject of another country. The archduke said it was not true, however, that he had accepted all the points advanced by the emperor. He declared that he had accepted only two proposals, namely, his expulsion from the army and from the Order of the Golden Fleece.

PAUL REVERE'S OLD HOME.

Steps Taken to Restore and Preserve the Structure.

Boston, Jan. 1.—Paul Revere's old home, one of the few structures of pre-revolutionary interest in Boston, was bought by John P. Reynolds, Jr., a real estate dealer, during the day. He purposed the preserve it. The house is in North square, in the heart of the thickly settled North End, and was built in 1776, Revere buying it fourteen years later. Mr. Reynolds will ask others to assist him in restoring the building before handing it over to the care of some patriotic society.

TWO AND A HALF BILLIONS.

Value of Farm Products of United States for 1902.

Washington, Jan. 1.—According to recent census reports the total value of American farm products at the farm for 1902 was \$2,607,955,416.72.

Minnesota had 5,737,583 acres in spring wheat, which raised 79,752,404 bushels; South Dakota, 3,604,347 acres, 43,973,032 bushels; North Dakota, 3,954,279 acres, 62,782,241 bushels; Iowa (winter wheat), 80,401 acres, 1,407,018 bushels, (spring) 1,094,409 acres, 13,462,227 bushels.

WITHOUT FOUNDATION.

No Panic Occurred at a Bull Fight in Spain.

Madrid, Jan. 1.—The story published in the United States that the manager of a bull fight had released two bulls at the equestrian circus while a fight was in progress and that the spectators became panic-stricken in their efforts to escape and trampled on each other, with the result that three persons were killed and fifty-two others injured, is absolutely without foundation.

PERUVIAN POLITICAL CAMPAIGN.

Lima, Peru, Jan. 1.—The Civil and Cacerist parties have agreed to unite their efforts during the coming campaign in favor of Manuel Candamo for president, Dr. Lino Alarce for first vice president, and Dr. Serapio Galderon for second vice president of the republic.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Minneapolis bank clearings for the past year reached a grand total of \$720,752,233.57.

Robert S. McCormick, the retiring United States ambassador at Vienna left that city Wednesday for Prague.

Milton M. Price of South Dakota has been appointed commercial agent of the United States at Jeers de la Frontera, Spain.

Bank clearings in St.